

Examiner's amendments

1. Receipt is acknowledged of amendments/arguments filed on 07/02/2008.
2. Claims 1 and 3-19 are presented for examination.
3. This application is a 371 of PCT/EP04/11134 filed on 10/05/2004.
4. An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.
5. Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Mr. Justin Cassell on September 26, 2008 (see the interview summary, paper no. 20080928).
6. The application has been amended as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS

7. Claim 20: (Canceled).

Priority

8. Receipt is acknowledged of papers submitted under 35 U.S.C. 119(a)-(d), which papers have been placed of record in the file.

Allowable Subject Matter

9. Claims 1 and 3-19 are allowed.

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10. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance: the prior art of record, taken alone or in combination with any other references, fails to specifically means of checking security features of a document requires that the same security feature is checked in different ways, namely the checking includes a check of a property of the security feature in areas of a lower security category, and only in areas with a higher security category the same property is checked with higher accuracy. These limitations in conjunction with other limitations in the claimed invention were not shown by the prior art of record.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

Conclusion

11. The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure.

Sawa et al. (US2001/0022259) teaches magnetic powder for validity determining ink and validity determination device.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to EDWYN LABAZE whose telephone number is (571)272-2395. The examiner can normally be reached on 7:30 AM - 4:00 PM.

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If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Steve Paik can be reached on (571) 272-2404. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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